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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Initial Comments

Claims 1-20 and 25-27 are pending in the present application. Claims 21-24 were previously withdrawn. Claims 1-6, 11-16, and 25-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,978,452 (Cho) or alternatively by U.S. Patent 5,974,414 (Stanczak). Claims 7-10 and 17-20 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1, 11, and 25 are amended herein. Note that the amendments herein are being made for the sole purpose of ~~clarifying the claim language and are not intended to limit the~~
scope of the claims beyond their originally filed breadth.